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HI GANG!

Here are the first two sections of your great, full-colour Get Along Gang wall frieze! Now don't miss out! Collect the remaining sections one by one over the next 9 weeks and hey presto! A really eye-catching display to brighten up your bedroom – or even your classroom at school! Each bright picture carries a word which will go to make up one of the Gang's favourite mottoes. Can you guess what it will be? No need to guess what else is happening in this week's Get Along Gang comic – as usual it's fun, fun, fun, all the way!

Montgomery

Read on...

A CHANCE TO WIN THOSE VILLAINS YOU LOVE TO HATE!

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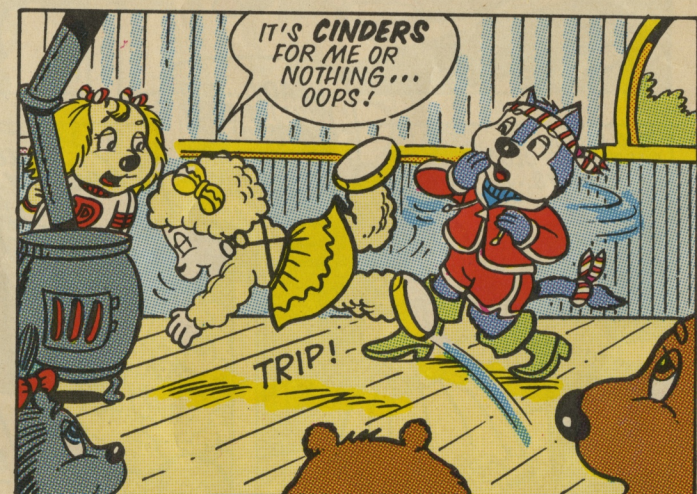
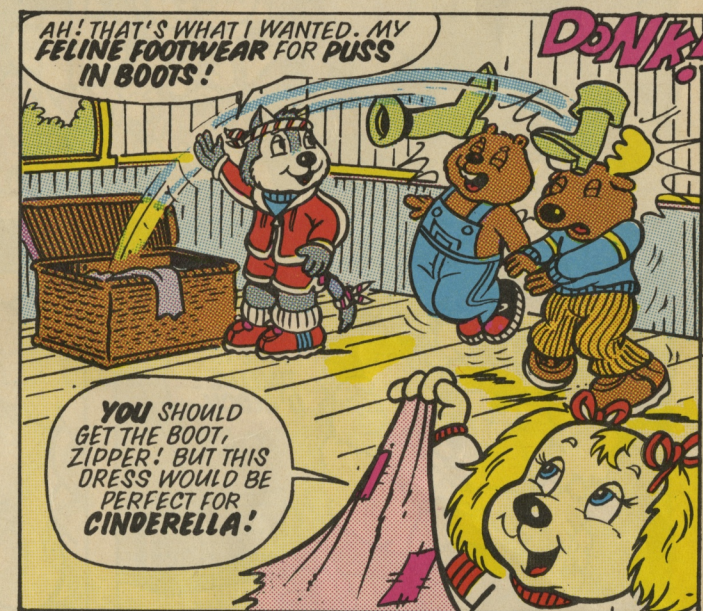
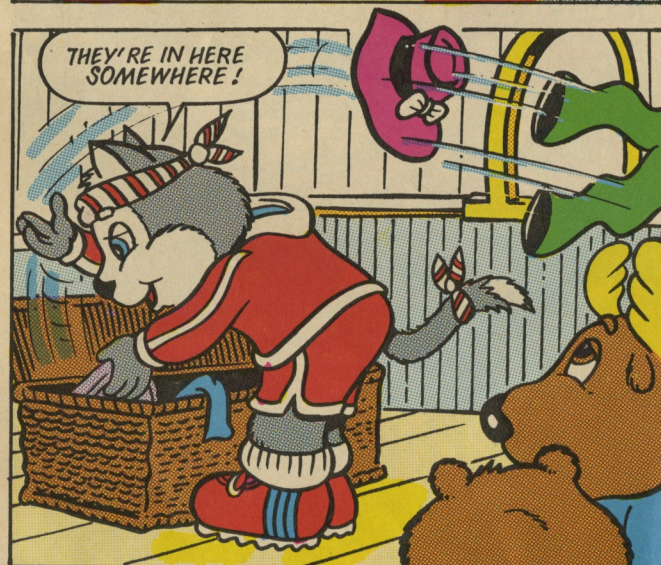
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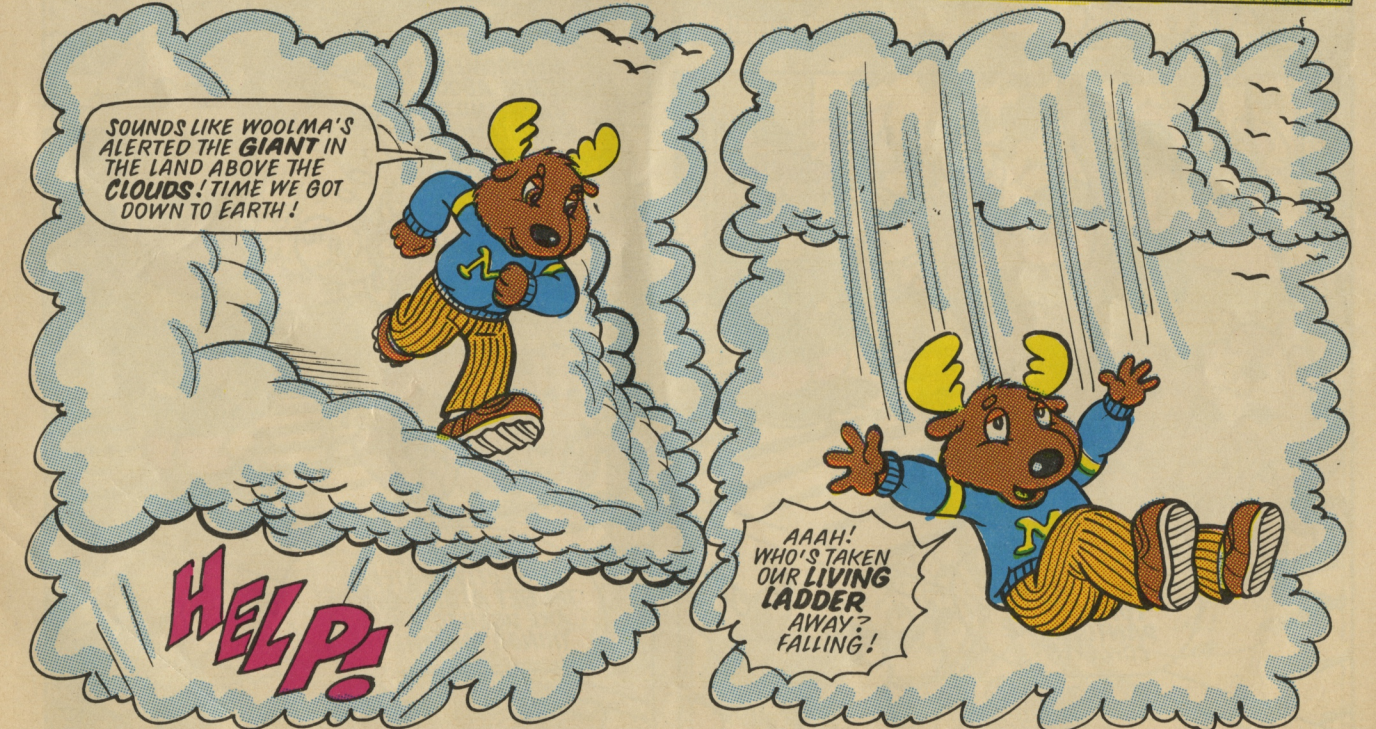
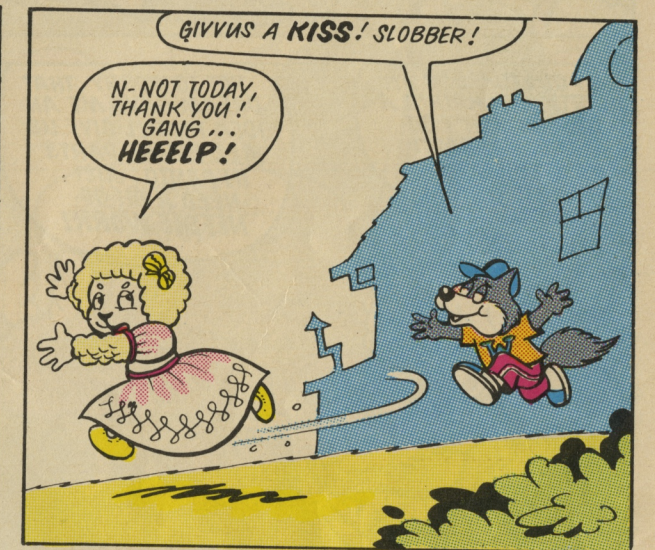
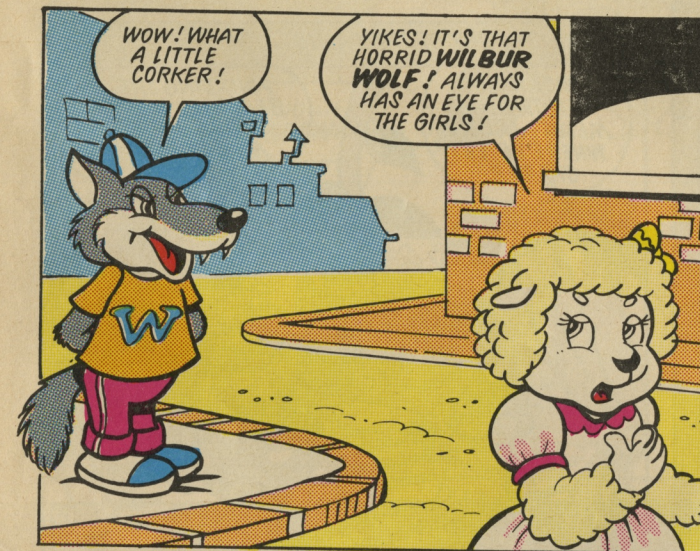
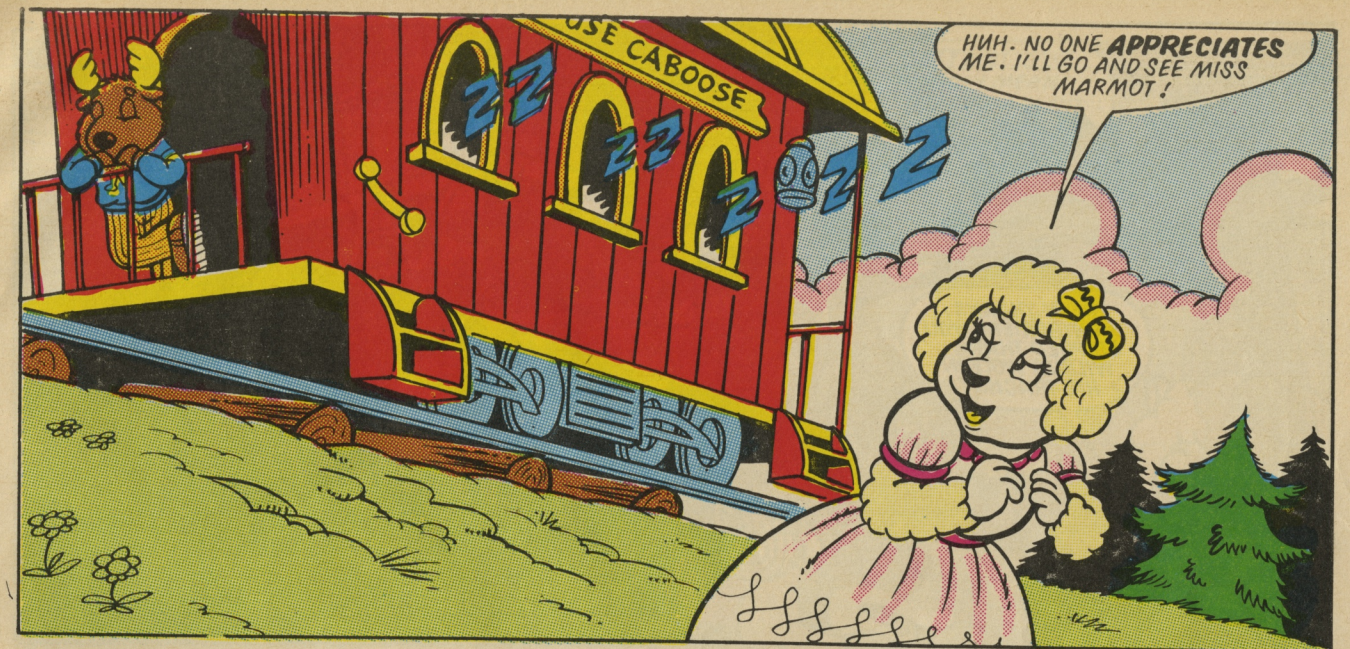
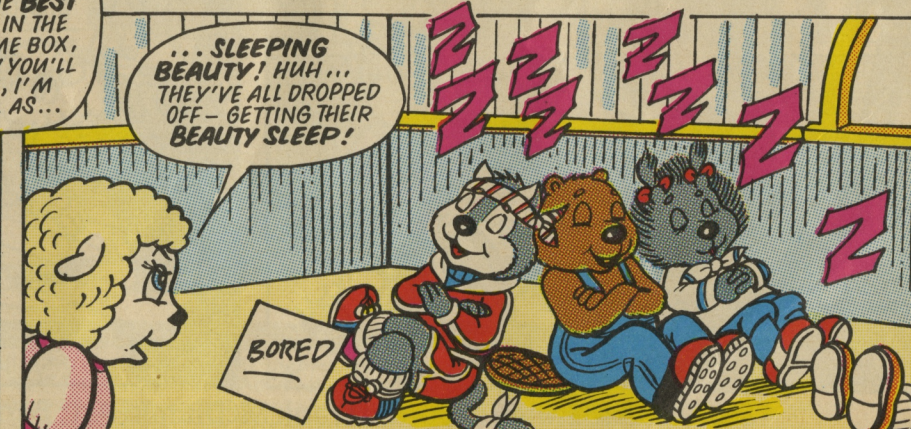
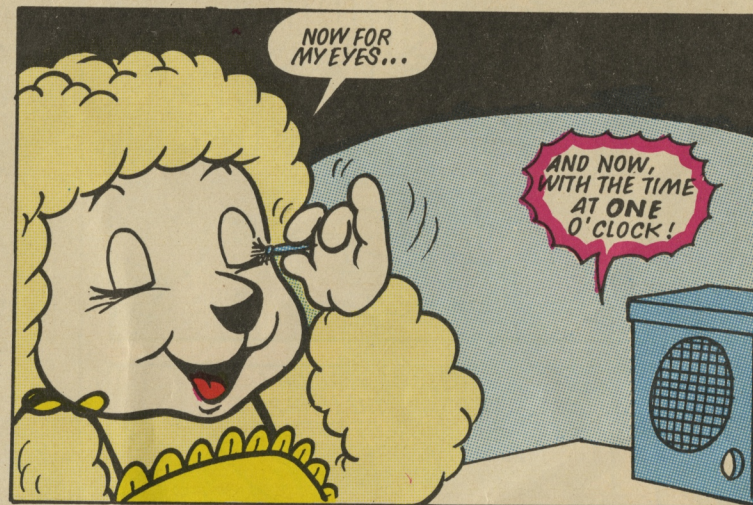
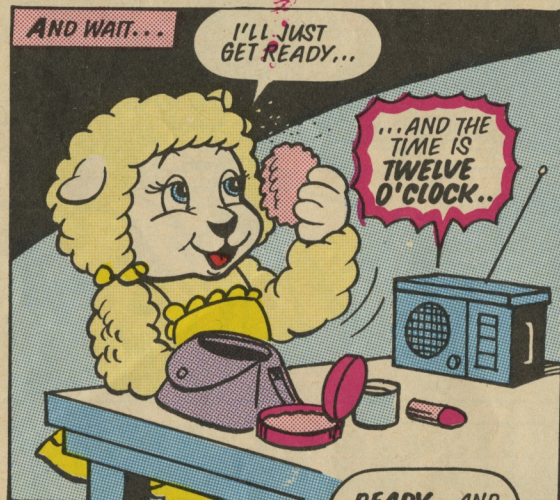
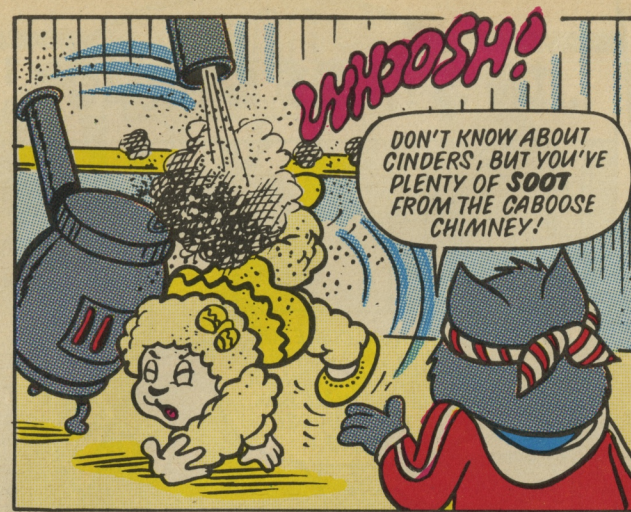
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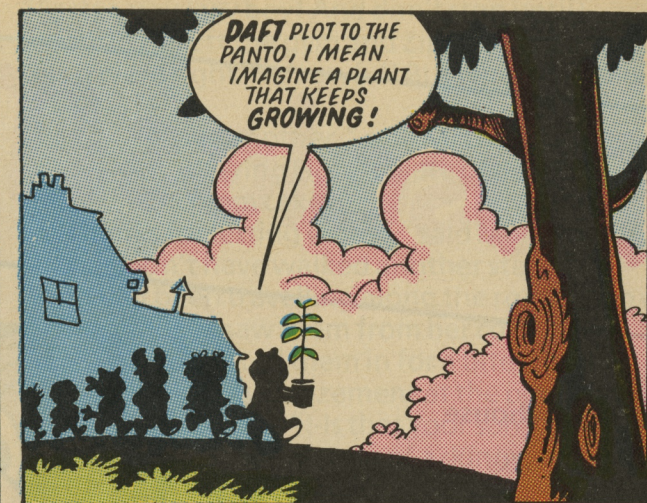
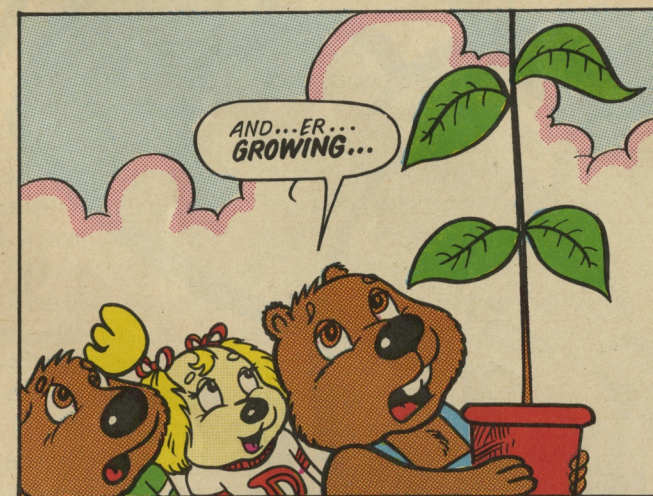
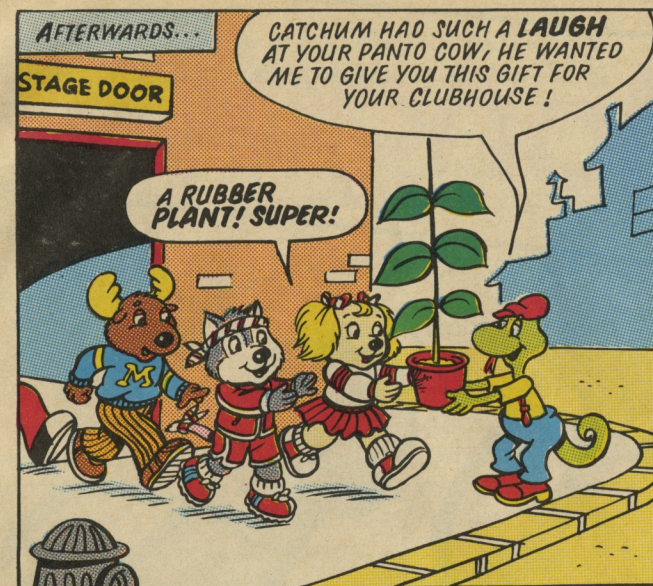
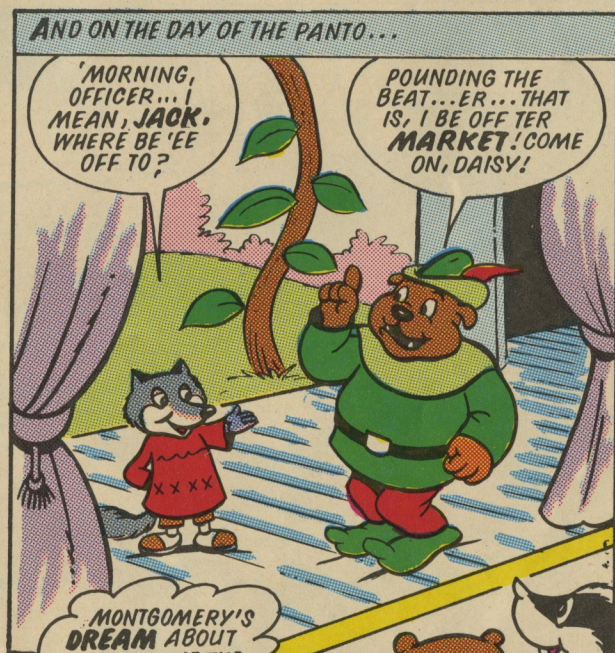
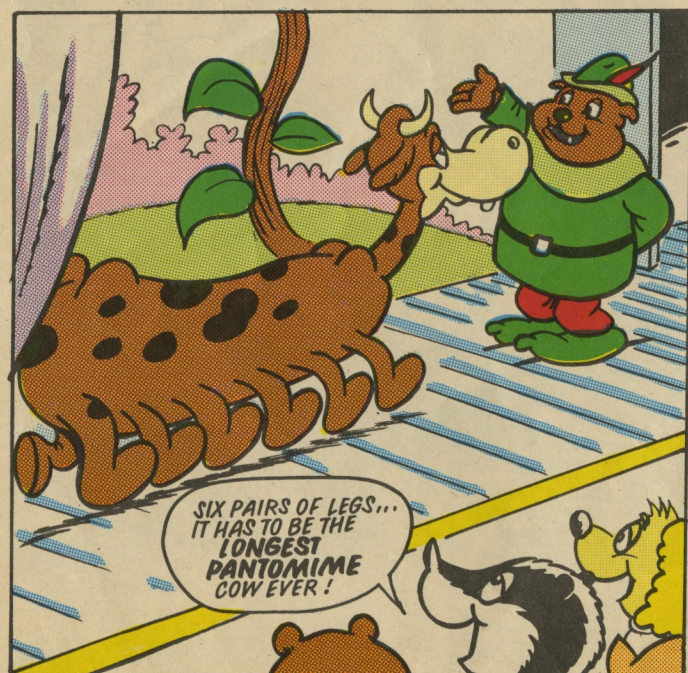
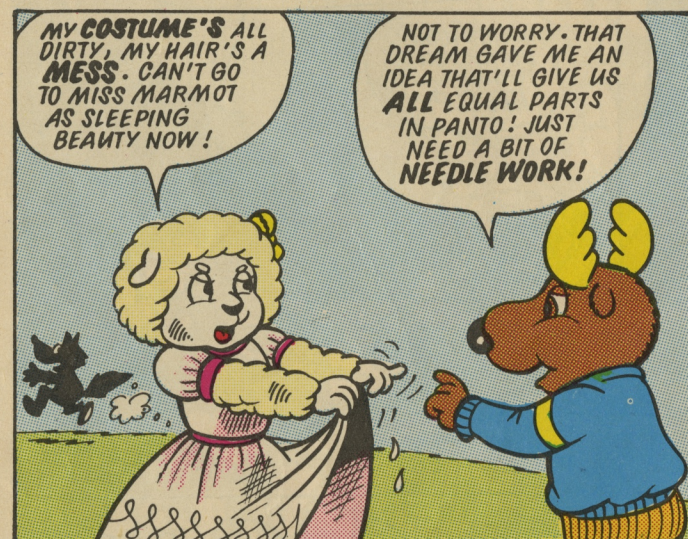
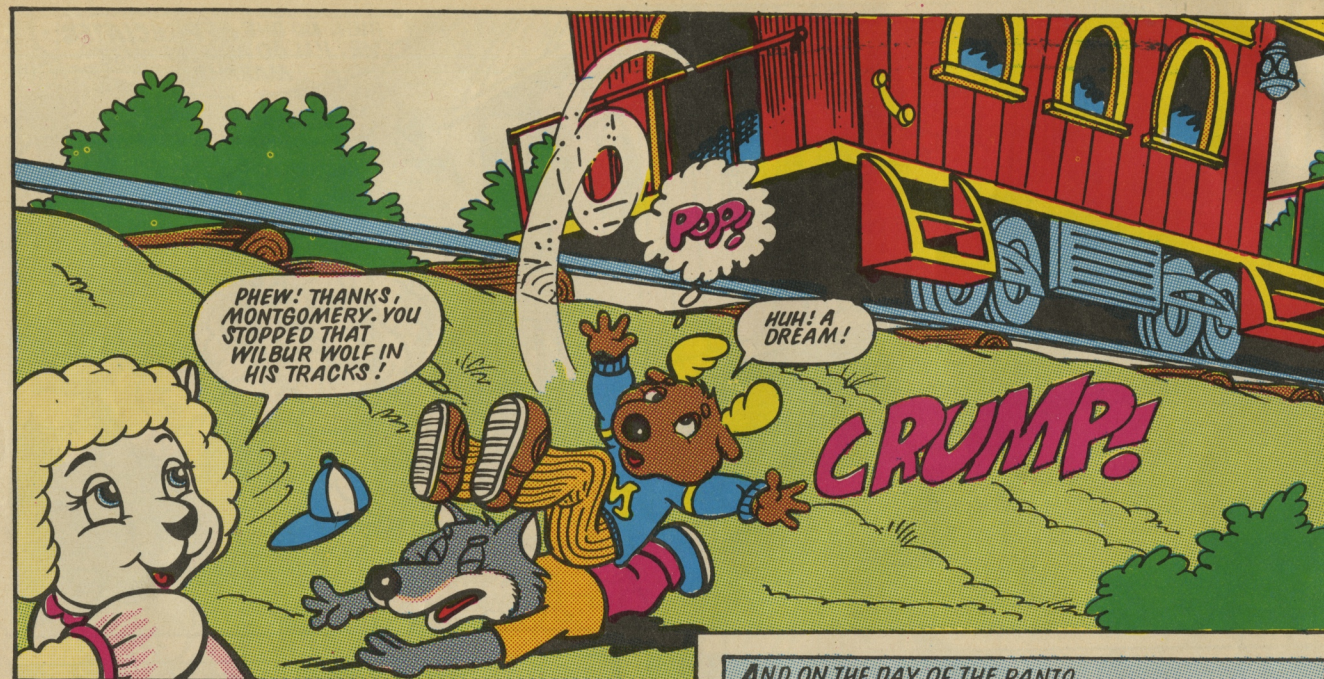
GET ALONG GANG

...IN STAGE STRUCK!



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Muscles Mongoose!

By John Gatehouse



"A lettuce leaf and half a carrot?! I need more than that. I'm a growing lad!" "Yes, and it's your stomach that's growing!" snapped Muscles Mongoose, poking Bingo in the tum.

"Mr Mongoose is a right slave-driver," grumbled Lolly at the school dinner table. "He's already confiscated my sweets and put us all on diets."

"Yeah, our old gym teacher was never **this** bad," Montgomery agreed.

Zipper scowled at his friends. "I think he's great. He's getting us all in trim."

"Come on! You're all going for a jog around Green Meadow!" roared Mr Mongoose. The class groaned at this. All except Zipper, who looked in awe at the bulging muscles beneath the sleeves of his teacher's track suit. "Yippee! You're the best gym teacher we've ever had!"

"Puff! Pant! C-Can't we stop now?" Braker gasped. His feet ached, and it already felt as if he had jogged twice around Green Meadow.

"You're useless!" sneered Zipper, who had been put in charge of the class while Mr Mongoose remained at school. "You've only been jogging five minutes. We've another hour to do yet."

"He must be joking!" muttered Flora.

The Gang spotted a delivery van waiting at a set of traffic lights. "It delivers to our school," whispered Montgomery. "If we hop in the back we'll be there before the others."

Luckily the back of the van was open and the Gang managed to crawl inside before the lights changed. As it drove away, they sat down to rest.

"We'll be there first," yawned Bingo. "Won't Zipper have a surprizzzzzz!" The Gang all fell fast asleep!

"Zipper, since you like gym so much I've cancelled your art lesson," Mr Mongoose told him. "You'll be doing an extra hour's exercise instead."

"Oh, er, super," Zipper said, without much enthusiasm. Art was one of his favourite subjects and he hated to miss it. The class had arrived back at the gym, foot weary and ready to drop. Even Zipper's legs were beginning to ache. The thought of more exercise depressed him. "You can have too much of a good thing," he sighed.

There was no sign of the rest of the gang. "Skiving lessons!" growled Mr Mongoose. "They'll be for it when they get back."

GREEN MEADOW 10 MILES read the sign the Gang were leaning against. "Stupid van. Fancy stopping here," muttered Braker. "When we woke up we thought we had arrived back at school and got out. . ."

"And the silly driver drove off without us!" finished Lolly. There was nothing for it but to start the long jog back home.

"Hup! Two! Three! Four!" bellowed Mr

Mongoose, watching Zipper running on the spot. "Faster, you lazy boy! And don't stop until I return!" He left the gym and Zipper groaned. "The Gang were right. He's awful! But where are they?"

"Have another," said Mrs Mongoose, offering Flora a plate of delicious cream cakes.

"Thanks for letting us rest," said Montgomery. "We couldn't have walked another step." The Gang had been travelling along the road when old Mrs Mongoose saw them from her cottage window and invited them in for a bite to eat.

Dotty looked in amazement at the photograph on the mantelpiece. "Is that your son?" she asked, pointing to a picture of a skinny, weedy-looking mongoose.

"Yes," chuckled Mrs Mongoose. "He's supposed to be a gym teacher. . . but he's not very good at it." The others turned and found themselves looking at a recent picture of Mr Mongoose himself. "In fact, I'll tell you a secret. . ." grinned his mother. When she had finished Montgomery chuckled merrily.

When Mr Mongoose hadn't returned, Zipper stopped his exercises and went looking for him. He found his teacher in the Staff Room, snoozing in a comfy armchair. The remains of a large meal stood on a nearby table.

"Oooh! The Swizzer! He's lazier than we are. And he isn't on a diet!"

"Ssssh!" whispered Braker, as the Gang returned from being driven back to school by Mrs Mongoose. "We've got something to tell you. . ."

"Mr Mongoose! The Gang are back!" Zipper shouted, frantically shaking his teacher.

"Wuzat? Oh, er, I wasn't asleep, lad! Just, um, meditating! Now to deal with those pesky kids."

The Gang were working out in the gym, throwing a large medicine ball to one another. As their teacher appeared Montgomery threw the ball to him. "Catch, Mr Mongoose!"

"**WHOOOOF!**" gasped Muscles Mongoose as the ball knocked him off his feet. He landed on the floor and something went **POP! POP! POP!** in his tracksuit.

"What's this?" frowned the Headmaster, entering the gym. "Mr Mongoose, why are you lying down on the job. . . and **where** are your muscles?"

The bulging muscles beneath Muscles Mongoose's tracksuit had disappeared!

"He's a cheat," explained Montgomery. "Those weren't real muscles. Just balloons he hid up his track suit to make himself look fit and strong."

The Headmaster led the embarrassed teacher away.

"I'm glad his mum told us about his tricks," grinned Dotty. "I don't think he'll be around much longer."

"Yeah, he's not fit to be a gym teacher!" Zipper laughed.

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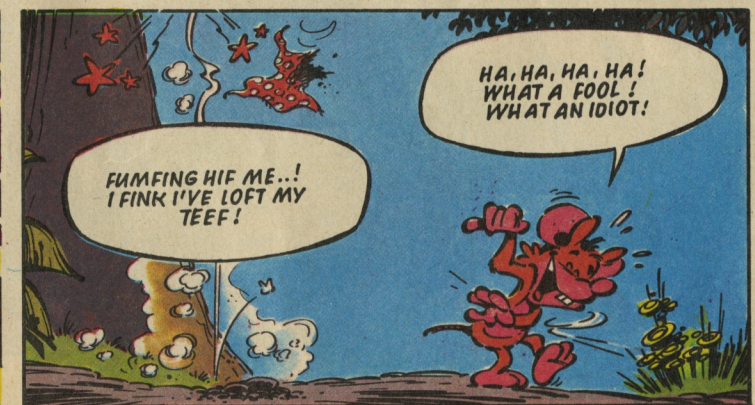
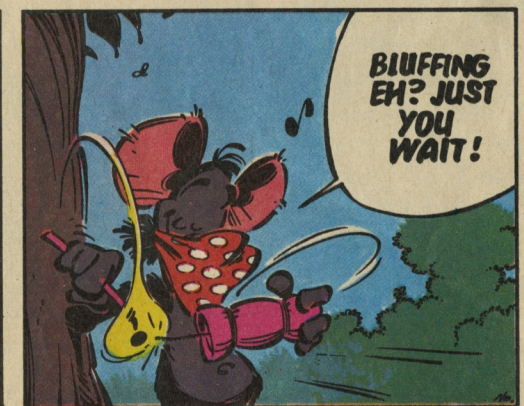
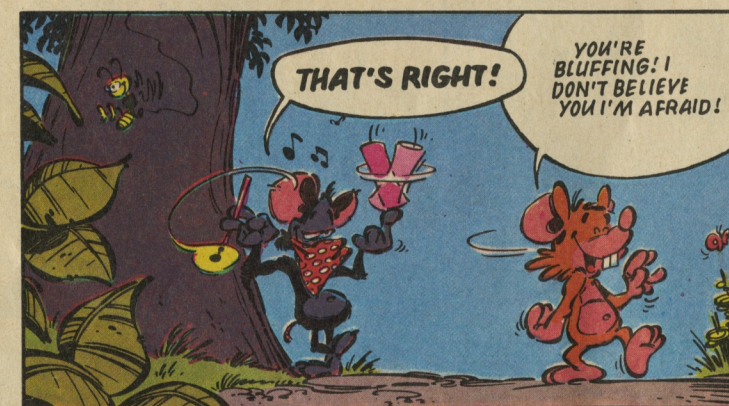
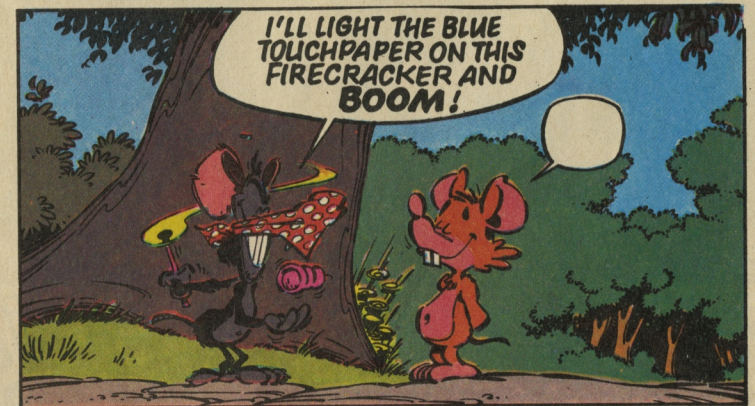
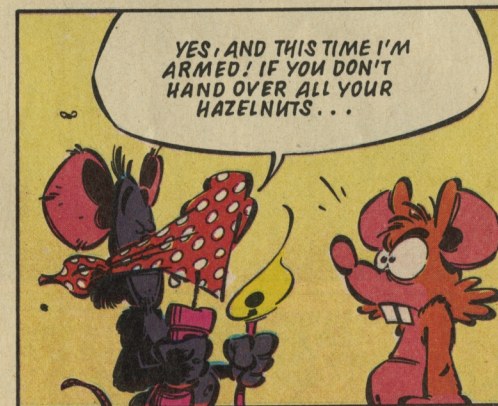
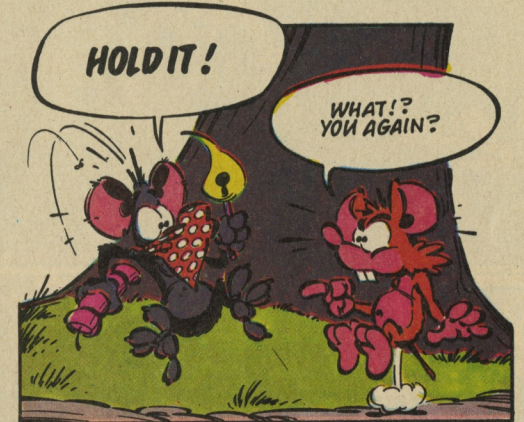
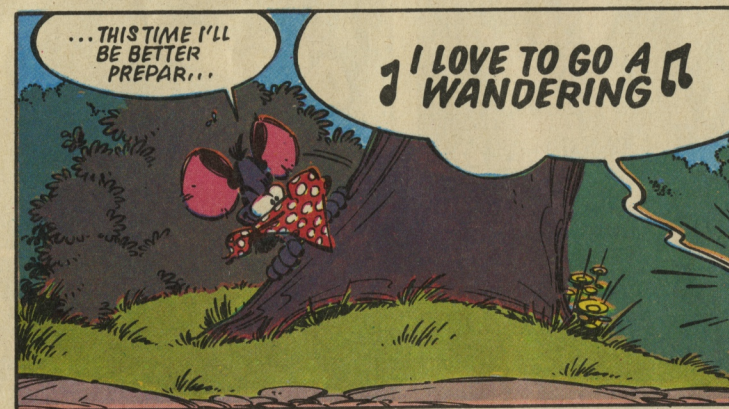


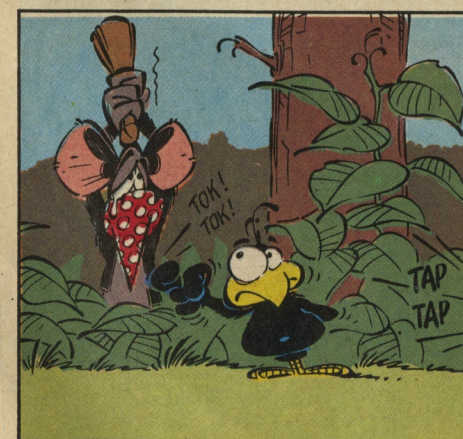
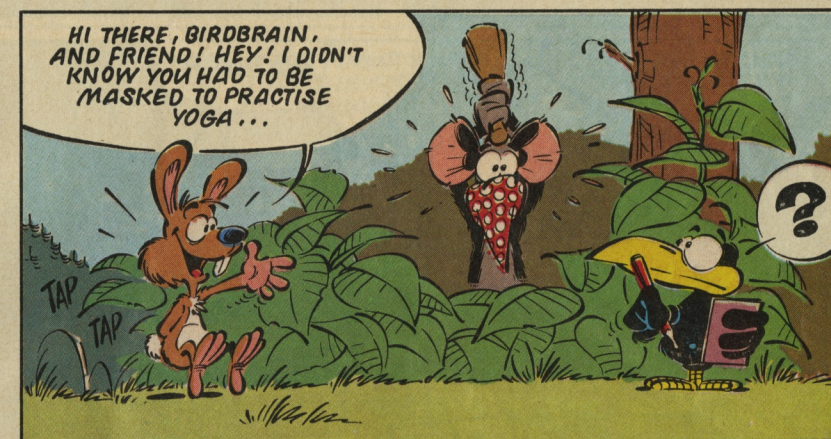
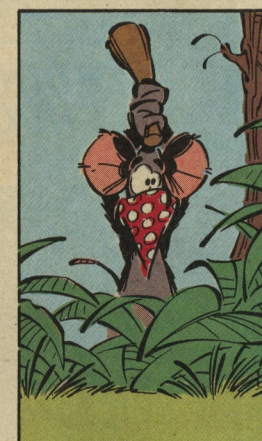
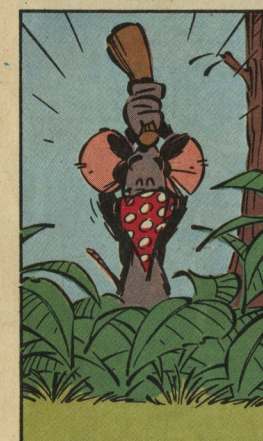
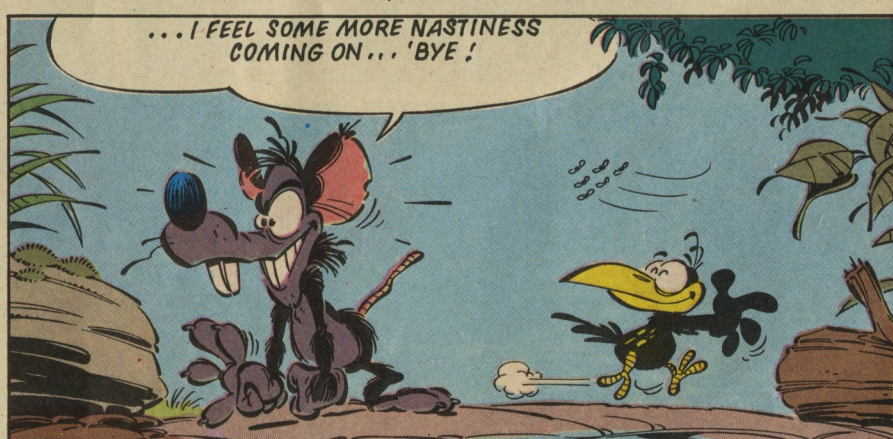
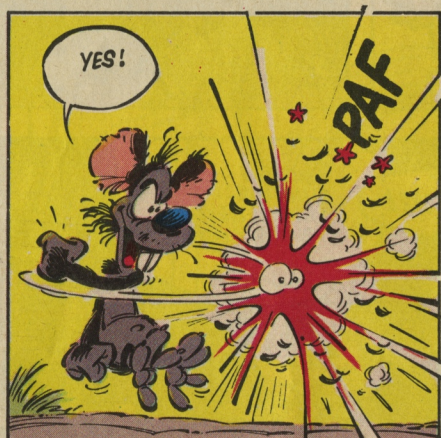
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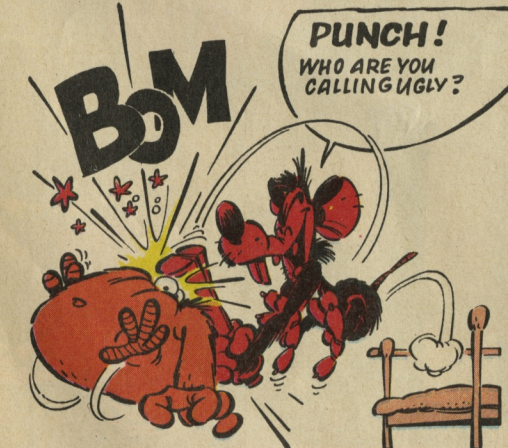
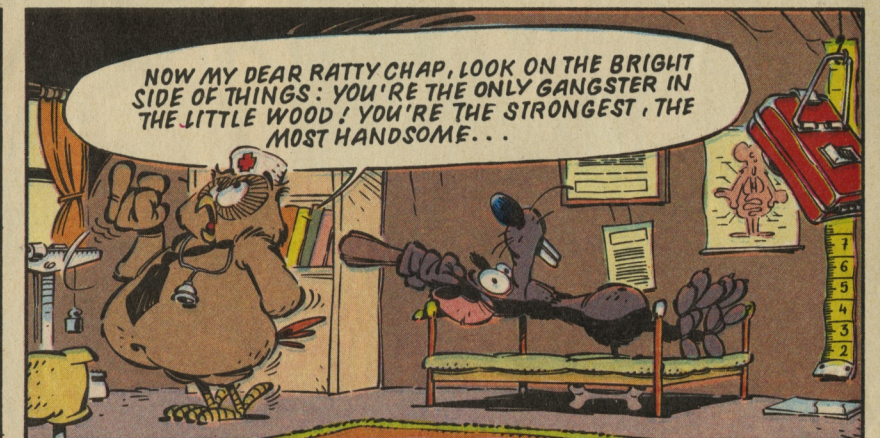
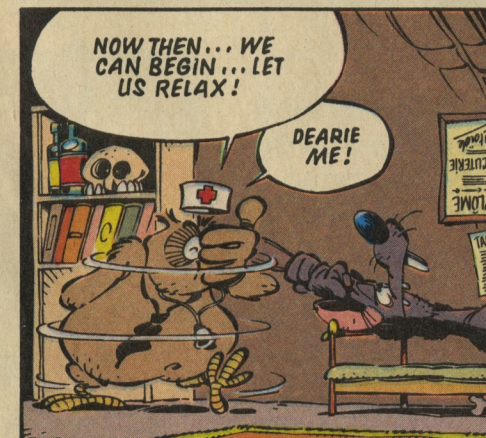
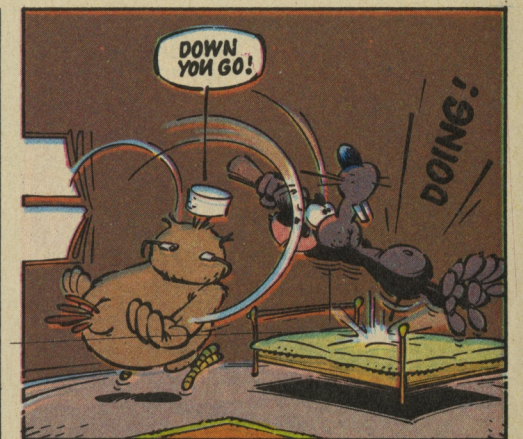
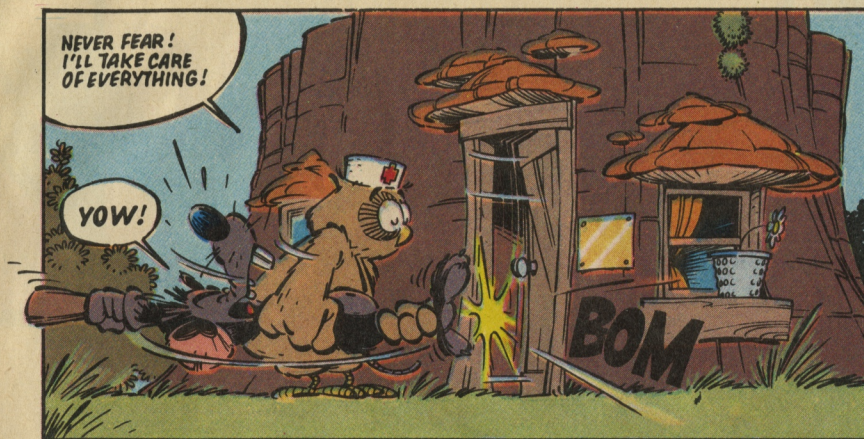
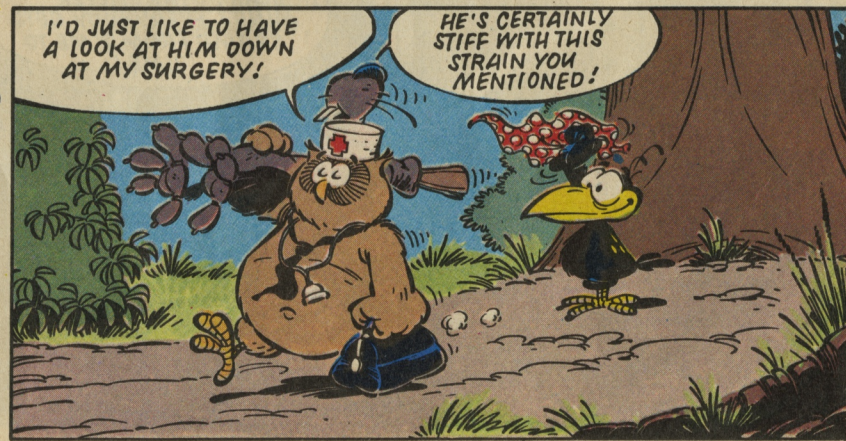
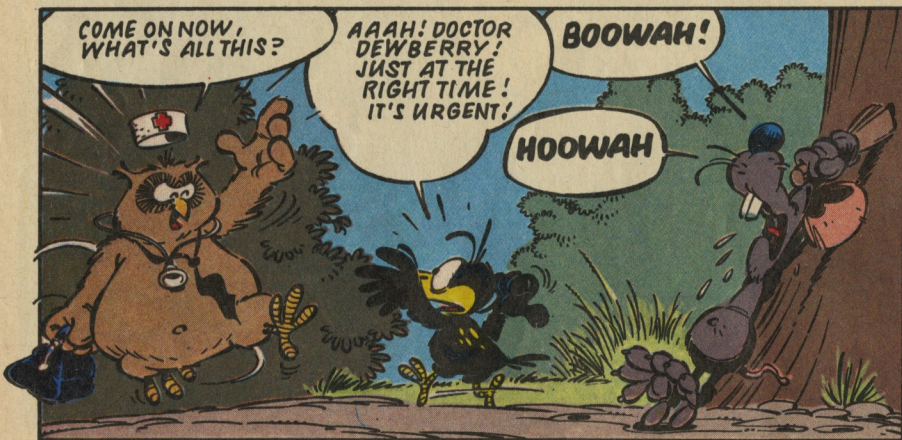
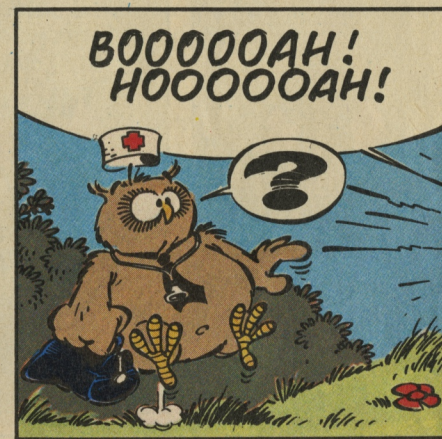
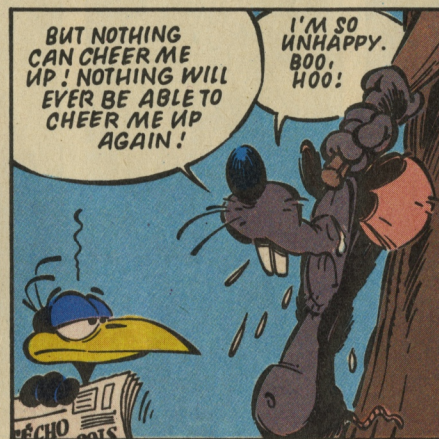
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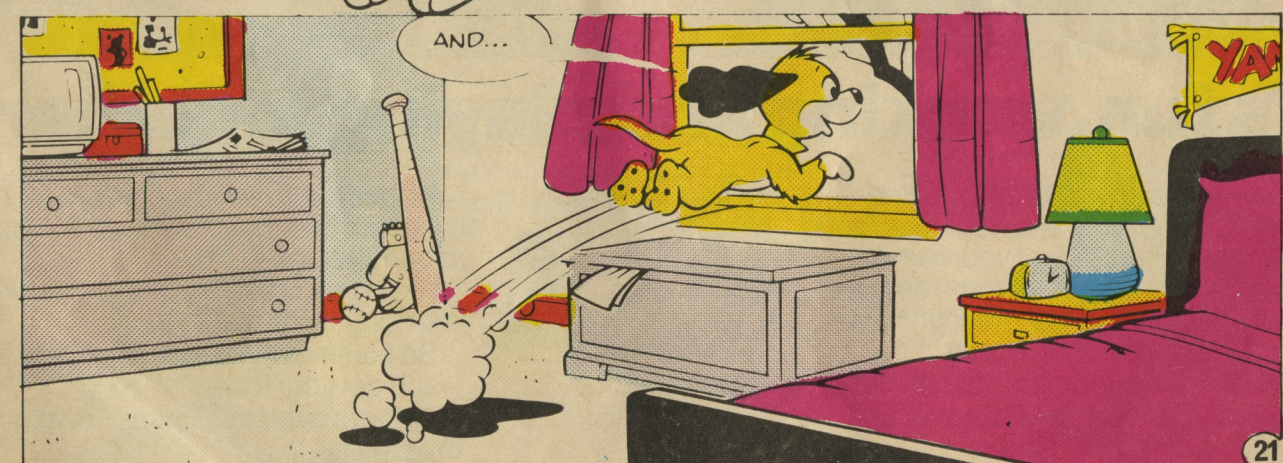
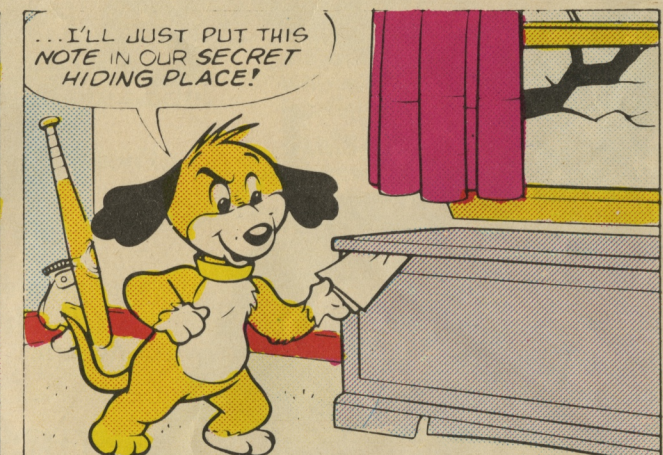
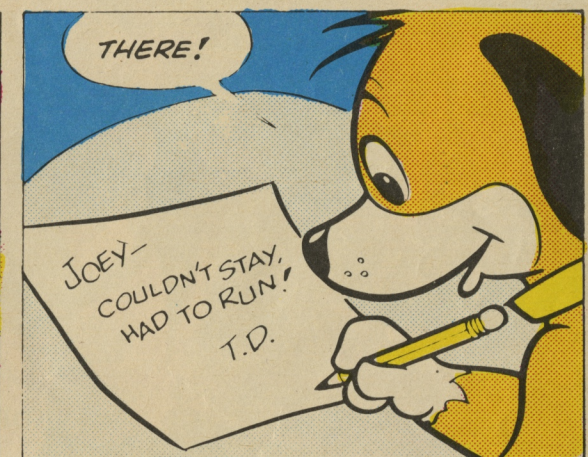
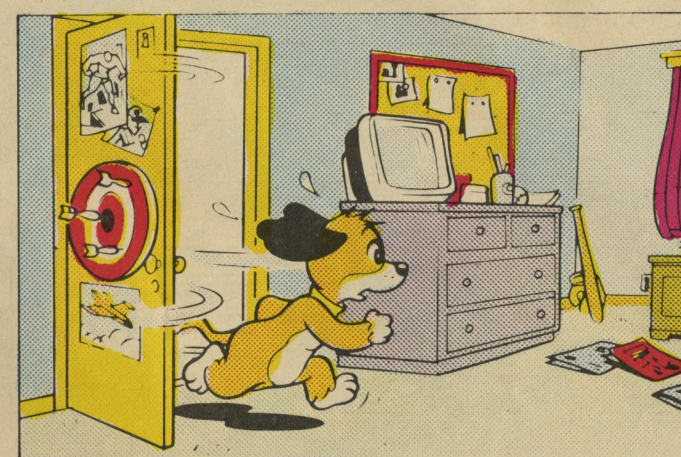
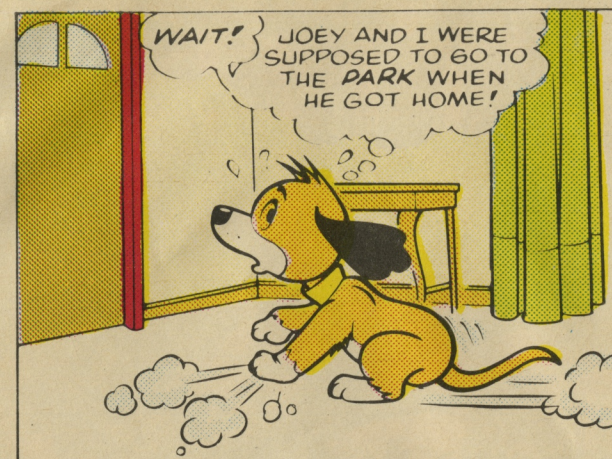
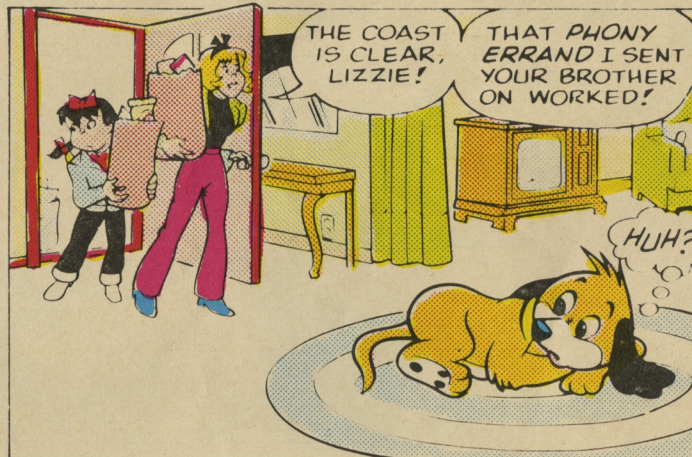
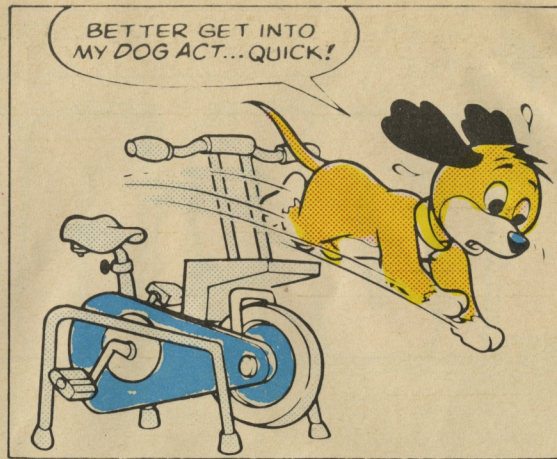
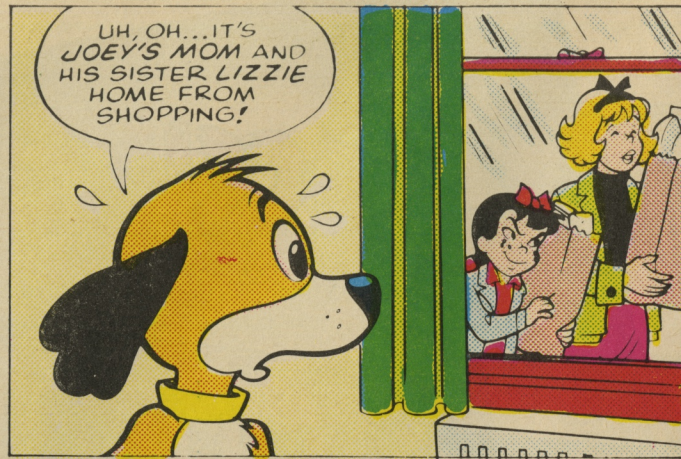
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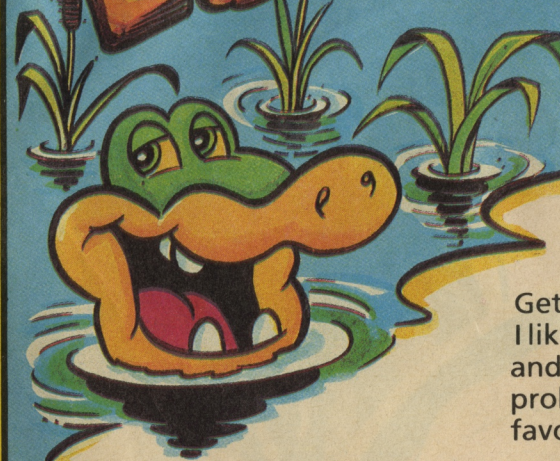
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Amanda Hatcher.

Sounds like a great dog!

PORTIA'S PRICKLES!

Dear Catchum,
Does Portia have trouble sleeping at night because of all her prickles?

Emma Foulger.

No, porcupines are used to having prickles and sleep quite easily. They just curl up into a big, prickly, snug ball!

GANG FAVOURITE!

Dear Catchum,
My favourite member of the

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What do you call a dog who goes "Tic! Toc!"

A watch dog!

Janice McDonnell.

What do you get if you cross a dog and a plate of jelly?

Collie Wobbles!

Claire Norris.

How do you send a letter to a fisherman?

You drop him a line!

Who haunts aeroplanes?

Air Ghostesses!

Sharon Crew.

FRIENDS WITH THE GANG!

Dear Catchum,
Can I please ask you why you never joined the Gang? Why don't you make friends with the Get Along Gang? I think that it would be better if you did!

Natalie Williams.

Yuck! What are you saying? ... friends with them! Never!

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

The Gang would like to wish the following readers a very happy birthday!

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Rebecca Thompson who will be 8, Caroline Fearn who will be 6, Grant Mitchell who will be 8 and Amy Louise Mea.

SUNDAY

Carly Beatson who will be 4 and Peter Smith who will be 5.

MONDAY

Clare Feak who will be 3, Dominic Robbins who will be 11, Daniel Northrup who will be 5, Libby Curtis whose age is Top Secret, Victoria Barton who will be 9, Emma Roberts who will be 8 and Robert Kingsbury who will be 5.

TUESDAY

Andrew Rhodes who will be 5, Paul McCullough who will be 6, Laura Whitehouse who will be 2, Emma Seymour and Gareth Hawkins who will be 5.

WEDNESDAY

Ruth Healey who will be 7, Johanna Padwick who will be 9, Joanne Wildey who will be 7 and Lee Richardson who will be 7.

THURSDAY

Jodie Quilty who will be 5, Gareth Parsons who will be 8, Laura Waters who will be 7.

FRIDAY

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